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SUBJ: BELGRADE NONALIGNED CONFERENCE: DAY II - GENERAL DEBATE
BEGINS, COMMITTEES ORGANIZE

1. SUMMARY: WITH CONFERENCE POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC
COMMITTEES HOLDING ONLY ORGANIZATIONAL MEETINGS JULY 26, NAM
INTEREST JULY 26 CENTERED ON GENERAL DEBATE IN MINISTERIAL
PLENARY WHICH BEGAN IN THE AFTERNOON AND EXTENDED ALMOST TO
MIDNIGHT. ERITREAN ISSUE WAS RAISED BY KUWAIT, WHICH EVOKED
A CHARGE OF "INTERFERENCE IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS" BY THE
ETHIOPIANS. YUGOSLAV PRESS ACCOUNTS OF THE GENERAL DEBATE
EMPHASIZE CALLS FOR MAINTENANCE OF NAM UNITY. WE ARE
REPORTING SEPTTEL ADDRESSES BY ELEVEN DELEGATIONS (SRI LANKA,
INDIA, IRAQ, TANZANIA, GHANA, KUWAIT, PERU, JAMAICA, BAHREIN,
YEMEN (YAR) AND PAKISTAN). END SUMMARY.

2. PLENARY: DELAYED ONE HALF DAY BY ITS EXTENDED DEBATE
JULY 25 ON THE SAHARA, THE NAM MINISTERIAL PLENARY UTILIZED
MORNING SESSION JULY 26 TO FINISH PROCEDURAL WORK.
MINISTERS APPROVED THE REPORT OF THE NONALIGNED COORDINATING
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BUREAU (NACB) ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE NAM SINCE THE COLOMBO
(NAM) SUMMIT (1976). THEY ALSO AGREED TO POSTPONE A DECISION
ON BOLIVIA'S RENEWED APPLICATION FOR FULL MEMBERSHIP UNTIL
THE HAVANA SUMMIT IN 1979. GENERAL DEBATE BEGAN IN THE
AFTERNOON PLENARY, REPORTED SEPTTEL.

3. COMMITTEES: POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC COMMITTEES EACH MET

FOR THE FIRST TIME AT 4:00 PM JULY 26. EACH CONCERNED ITSELF WITH INTERNAL ORGANIZATION--DIVISION INTO SUBCOMMITTEES, ALLOCATION OF AGENDA ITEMS TO SUBCOMMITTEES, ETC. SUBSTANTIVE COMMITTEE WORK WILL BEGIN AT 9:00 AM JULY 27.

4. OTHER:

A) MINISTERS SENT A CABLE JULY 26 TO THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL NOW MEETING ON NAMIBIA. CABLE STRESSED NAM CONCERNS ON NAMIBIA, AS MENTIONED IN PRESENT DRAFT DECLARATION, INCLUDING UNCONDITIONAL REMOVAL OF ALL SOUTH AFRICAN TROOPS FROM THE TERRITORY AND FROM WALVIS BAY.

B) PRESIDENT CARTER'S MESSAGE OF GOOD WISHES TO NAM CONFERENCE GOT FRONT PAGE PLAY IN "POLITIKA" JULY 26, MENTIONED ALONG WITH MESSAGES SENT BY SECRETARY GENERAL WALDHEIM AND CHINESE FOREIGN MINISTER HUANG HUA. (NOTE: CHINESE MESSAGE IS NOT FROM PRIME MINISTER HUA KUO FENG, AS YUGOSLAVS TOLD US IT WOULD BE.) ENGLISH LANGUAGE TANJUG JULY 26 CARRIES FULL QUOTES OF CARTER MESSAGE SUBSTANCE. "BORBA", WHICH OTHERWISE HAS THE MORE EXTENSIVE COVERAGE OF THE NAM CONFERENCE, CARRIED ESSENTIALLY THE SAME REPORT AS POLITIKA, BUT ON A BACK PAGE. BORBA ALSO NOTED MESSAGES FROM TURKEY, YEMEN AND MEXICO. NO PAPER MENTIONED ANY MESSAGE FROM THE USSR. DELEGATE REACTION TO PRESENT CARTER'S MESSAGE HAS NOT YET BEEN ASCERTAINED.

C) MALTA: ITEM "MALTA'S DECISION TO FREE ITSELF FROM FOREIGN MILITARY BASES BY 31 MARCH 1979 AND TO FOLLOW A POLICY BASED ON PRINCIPLES OF NONALIGNMENT" HAS BEEN INSERTED ON CONFIDENTIAL

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AGENDA AS NEW ITEM ROMAN VII. SUBSEQUENT AGENDA ITEMS REMAIN AS REPORTED BELGRADE 5396 BUT HAVE BEEN RENUMBERED.

D) SAHARA: MINISTERS, WHILE AGREEING JULY 25 TO CUT OFF DEBATE ON THE SUBJECT, REPORTEDLY ALSO AGREED TO HAVE THE SUBJECT RAISED ONCE MORE IN PLENARY--BUT IN THE SPEECH TO BE GIVEN BY NEW OAU CHAIRMAN (SUDAN).

E) PERHAPS RED EYED FROM THEIR MARATHON SESSIONS IN KHARTOUM, SOME (AFRICAN) DELEGATES REPORTEDLY HAVE EXPRESSED ANNOYANCE OVER THE PRESENT LEISURELY PACE OF THE CONFERENCE. WE UNDERSTAND THAT TWO DELEGATES (THE MAURITANIAN MINISTER BEING ONE) ACTUALLY COMPLAINED FROM THE FLOOR JULY 26, URGING CHAIRMAN (YUGOSLAV FM VRHOVEC) TO TIGHTEN UP THE PROCEEDINGS.

5. COMMENT: WITH MORE THAN 60 MORE SPEAKERS TO BE HEARD FROM IN THE THREE DAYS LEFT ON THE CONFERENCE SCHEDULE, THE PLENARY WILL HAVE TO STEP UP ITS PACE TO FINISH ON TIME. SEVERAL DELEGATES TO THE POLITICAL COMMITTEE ALSO FEAR THAT THE INEVITABLE WRANGLING EXPECTED IN THAT COMMITTEE WILL MAKE IT TOUGH TO FORGE AGREEMENT ON ALL SECTIONS OF THE POLITICAL DRAFT DECLARATION BY THE SCHEDULED JULY 29 CLOSING. ONLY THE ECONOMIC COMMITTEE SEEMS UNPERTURBED BY THE CONFERENCE'S SLOW START. AS AT HAVANA, THERE IS

ALREADY SUBSTANTIAL AGREEMENT ON THE POINTS TO BE MADE
IN THE ECONOMIC DRAFT. TANZANIAN ECONOMIST ANDREW DARAJA
TOLD USUN OFFICER JULY 26 THAT THE ECONOMIC COMMITTEE
WOULD DEAL PRIMARILY WITH POINTS OF EDITING AND EMPHASIS.
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